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NEW FACILITY STRENGTHENS ROLE OF GARRETT  
MANUFACTURING LIMITED IN AVIATION INDUSTRY

Etobicoke, Ontario -- The most significant growth stage in the 11-year history of Garrett Manufacturing Limited was formally inaugurated in this suburban Toronto community today. Company officials and employees participated in ceremonies which opened a new, modern facility here and launched the firm as a major producer of avionics equipment for the Canadian-United States military and commercial aviation industries.


Guest of honor was Harry H. Wetzel, vice-president of the parent Garrett Corporation, of Los Angeles. He addressed an assembly of nearly 300 employees, speaking highly of Garrett Mfg. Ltd.'s contribution to Canadian economic progress, then was presented with a symbolic "gold key" to the new building by Manager William Tate.

Earlier, Tate had commented optimistically on the future role of Garrett Manufacturing in the aerospace industry.

At conclusion of the brief ceremonies, the official party and editors from Canadian trade publications and newspapers were given a tour of the new plant.

The one-story, brick and block structure was erected to enable Garrett Manufacturing to consolidate its growing operations efficiently into two proximate locations. Heretofore, the firm was spread into several separate locations in this area.

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Garrett Manufacturing's original location in Rexdale, just two miles away, will be retained. It contains 11,000 square feet and is to be used as a repair and overhaul facility and provide other support services.

Expansion has been prompted by recent addition of a major line of avionics equipment, growing activity in environmental/refrigeration systems, and pneumatic test equipment, plus increased business in production of aircraft accessories and components.

The new building, containing 27,000 square feet, is on a  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acre site at 19 Attwell Drive, Etobicoke. It will house extensively equipped engineering, testing and production facilities, along with administrative offices.

Included are an engineering laboratory, a standards laboratory for advanced instrumentation and electronics work, and an instrument production laboratory. The latter will be of the "clean room" type with a capability of simulating altitudes to 140,000 feet and higher.

The avionics product line has been transferred here from The Garrett Corp.'s AiResearch Manufacturing Division, Los Angeles, in response to the joint Canadian-United States Production and Development Sharing Programme. It includes items such as temperature controls, solid state regulators, positioning control systems, static inverters, and monitors in a variety of electrical and other applications.

In addition, Garrett Manufacturing is utilizing its past experience to expand in two other specialized fields: a) low capacity Freon type refrigeration/air conditioning systems for airborne and military ground applications; b) pneumatic signal generators functioning as self-contained test or checkout units.

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Of prime importance to the Canadian economy is the forecast, previously announced by GML Manager Tate, that avionics sales will gradually build, in the span of five years, to an estimated annual rate of \$7,000,000 in export production.

This volume will affect a large segment of Canadian industry since Garrett Manufacturing utilizes hundreds of other Canadian production sources in support of its operations.

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